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☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	WO 98 03652 A (US HEALTH ;HOWARD BRUCE H (US); NAKATANI YOSHIHIRO (US)) 29 January 1998 (1998-01-29) claims 5,15,16	15,17-23
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference SMW/BP5777081	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G01N33/68		
Applicant CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN TECHNOLOGY LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No. PCT/GB99/01571

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-69 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-23 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application.
- ☒ claims Nos. 21-23.

because:

- ☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

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- ☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☒ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. 21-23.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-20
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-14
	No:	Claims	15-20
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-20
	No:	Claims	

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2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Claims 1-14 are limited to methods for identifying agents that affect acetylation of transcription factor E2F. In particular acetylation by P/CAF.

The closest prior art is considered to be Adams et al. which discusses transcriptional control by E2F. The contribution to the state of the art made by the present application is the novel teaching that E2F is regulated, at least in part, by way of acetylation of specified Lysine sites in particular through P/CAF.

Claims 1-14 are all limited to at least one process step which is based on this teaching ("determining acetylation of E2F polypeptide or peptide"). These claims relate to novel matter only which could not be arrived at in an obvious manner since none of the documents cited in the search report discloses or suggests that E2F is regulatable via acetylation. Moreover, only histone proteins have hitherto been recognised as substrates for the acetylating activity of P/CAF. Documents mentioning both E2F and P/CAF never suggest that the known acetylation activity of P/CAF uses E2F as substrate.

Claims 1-14 are hence considered to meet the requirements of Article 33(2) and (3) PCT.

Claims 15-20 relate to peptides, their encoding nucleic acids and their first and second medical uses. The peptides claimed are considered novel in view of their size limitation but follow in their general and broad outline in an obvious manner from documents disclosing P/CAF or E2F independently (Yang et al. and WO9803652). It should be noted that the functional definition is not supported in the claim by structural features. In consequence inventive peptides, if any, are accompanied in the claim by many more obvious peptides. The inclusion of obvious peptides renders the claim non-compliant with Article 33(3) PCT.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

The independent claims comprise several alternatives which would better be defined in

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alternative independent claims. The presently drafted claims are considered not concise and therefor unclear (Article 6 PCT).

Claim 12 is identified as an independent claim as it relates to the medical use of an "agent" and is not limited to the process steps of the claims it refers to.

Claim 12 is further recognised as a method of treatment for which this IPEA is not required to carry out a preliminary examination.

It is nevertheless considered that the claim relates to an agent which is only characterised by the way it has been identified. This contravenes the requirements of Article 6 PCT because it cannot be established what the subject-matter is for which protection is sought.

Claims 15-20 lack essential features of the invention (Rule 6.3(a) PCT).

Also present claims 21-23 relate to agents defined by reference to the way they have been detected.

These claims cover all products being so detected and having the desired property of affecting E2F acetylation, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such products.

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(21) International Application Number: PCT/GB99/01571 (22) International Filing Date: 17 May 1999 (17.05.99) (30) Priority Data: 9810562.0 15 May 1998 (15.05.98) GB (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN TECHNOLOGY LIMITED [GB/GB]; 6-10 Cambridge Terrace, Regent's Park, London NW1 4JL (GB). (72) Inventor; and (75) Inventor/Applicant (for US only): KOUZARIDES, Tony [GB/GB]; Wellcome/CRC Institute, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge CB2 1QR (GB). (74) Agents: WALTON, Seán, M. et al.; Mewburn Ellis, York House, 23 Kingsway, London WC2B 6HP (GB).		(81) Designated States: AE, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW, ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SL, SZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG). Published <i>With international search report. Before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of the receipt of amendments.</i>
(54) Title: ASSAYS, METHODS AND MEANS FOR MODULATING E2F ACTIVITY		
(57) Abstract <p>P/CAF interacts with and acetylates E2F, this acetylation affecting ability of E2F to stimulate transcription. Interaction between P/CAF and E2F and acetylation of E2F by P/CAF are modulated, affecting ability of E2F to stimulate transcription, induction of S-phase in cells, oncogenicity of cells, and induction of apoptosis in cells. Agents are obtained for treatment of disorders of cell growth.</p>		

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 21-23
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

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Claims Nos.: 21-23

Present claims 21-23 relate to agents defined by reference to the way they have been detected.

The claims cover all products being so detected and having the desired property of affecting E2F accetylation, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such products. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the product by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the products being derived from E2F and/or P/CAF (i.e. peptides).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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